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1. NORWEGIAN MISSION HAS CALLED TO ASK WHETHER UNITED STATES PLANS SPEAK IN SEPTEMBER 17 GATT COUNCIL IN OBJECTION TO PROPOSED EC TAX ON FATS AND OILS. NORWAY WILL SPEAK IN COUNCIL IF UNITED STATES DOES. WE SAID WE HAD RECOMMENDED TO WASHINGTON THAT WE REGISTER OUR CONCERN (REFTEL), AND SUSPECTED WE WOULD INDEED BE SPEAKING, BUT NOTED THAT WE DID NOT YET HAVE FINAL INSTRUCTIONS. WE NOTE FROM L/4389 THAT LATIN AMERICAN AND ASEAN COUNTRIES HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO EC ON THIS ISSUE. WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO INFORMED BY JAPANESE MISSION THAT JAPANESE FISH OIL EXPORTS

TO EC WOULD BE THREATENED BY PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND IT THEREFORE POSSIBLE THAT JAPAN MIGHT SPEAK AT COUNCIL.

2. CLEARLY THIS IS A CASE WHERE OTHERS WILL SPEAK OUT AGAINST EC IF THE UNITED STATES DOES. THEREFORE WISH REMIND WASHINGTON OF OUR RECOMMENDATION AT END PARA 1 OF REFTEL AND ALSO URGE WE BE ARMED WITH A COUNCIL STATEMENT. CATTO

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